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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1 – 8.

Add new claims 9 - 16 as follows: